GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:103
ANSWERED ON:17.02.2009
EXTORTION BY MILITANTS IN NE STATES
Pandey Dr. Laxminarayan;Rijiju Shri Kiren

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militant outfits active in the North Eastern States are involved in extortion from the Government and private institutions;

(b) if so, the details of the cases reported during each of the last three years and current year alongwith the names of outfits involved in such activities; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 103 FOR 17.02.2009.

(a) & (b): There are reports of various militant organizations/groups in the North Eastern States indulging in extortion to collect money from various industrial and business establishments, contractors, transports, official, politicians, etc. Whenever specific cases in respect of such activities are reported, cases are registered and other counter-measures and action, as necessary, are taken. Details of cases registered are not centrally maintained.

(c): Concerted efforts are being made by the State Governments in the region to counter the activities of the groups and misguided elements, who have been indulging in violence and extortion, etc., and create an atmosphere of peace and normalcy. The Central Government is supplementing their efforts through various measures such as deployment of additional Central Security Forces for carrying out intensive counter insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable installations and projects, based on threat assessments; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernization Scheme; assistance for strengthening various aspects of security apparatus and other aspects of anti-militancy operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; raising of additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc.The Central Government is maintaining close and continuous coordination with the State Governments in the region with a view to periodically review the situation and taking further steps, as may be necessary on a continuing basis.